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GOSS NAMED TO U.S. EPA ADVANCED COAL TECHNOLOGY PANEL *Group is examining future of coal in electric generation*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (March 23, 2007) – Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) Chairman Mark David Goss has been named to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Advanced Coal Technology Work Group.

"As both our nation's third-largest coal producer and a state that relies on coal for nearly all of its electricity, Kentucky must play a central role in any discussion on the future use of this resource," Goss said. "That is why I welcome the opportunity to participate in the EPA's effort to examine how we use coal in the coming decades."

The appointment to the EPA panel is the second time this year Goss has been named to a position that places him at the center of the national dialogue on the future of coal. In January he was appointed chairman of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) subcommittee on clean coal technology.

Governor Ernie Fletcher said that Goss is helping Kentucky be heard in discussions that are guiding national energy policy.

"Developing and implementing a sound energy strategy for Kentucky has been one of the key initiatives of this administration," Governor Fletcher said. "Chairman Goss is playing a vital role in making sure that our work in Kentucky meshes with what happens at the national level."

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The EPA work group, which is to produce a report by the end of the year, is “to discuss and identify the potential barriers and potential opportunities to create incentives under the Clean Air Act to the development and deployment of advanced coal technologies,” according to the EPA.

Those technologies include refinements of existing coal combustion methods to greatly reduce emissions; conversion of coal into a clean-burning gas; and the capture and storage of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases produced by coal combustion or gasification.

“Unless we can find ways to use coal in an environmentally sound and economically feasible way in the coming decades, Kentucky stands to lose not only a major source of jobs and tax revenues, but also the economic advantages that come with having some of the most affordable electric power in the nation,” Goss said. “We need to implement new and appropriate technologies as quickly as possible.”

Governor Fletcher appointed Goss to head the PSC in February 2004.

Goss also is a member of the board of directors of NARUC and serves on NARUC’s Electricity Committee. He is past president of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (SEARUC) and is on the board of directors of the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (MACRUC). He also serves on the board of directors of the Organization of MISO (Midwest Independent System Operator) States (OMS) and is on the board of directors and executive committee of the Organization of PJM States, Inc. (OPSI).

Prior to joining the PSC Goss was a partner with his father, Eugene Goss, in the law firm of Goss & Goss Attorneys in Harlan.

The PSC is an agency within the Department of Public Protection in the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet. It regulates more than 1,500 gas, water, sewer, electric and telecommunication utilities operating in the commonwealth of Kentucky and has approximately 110 employees.